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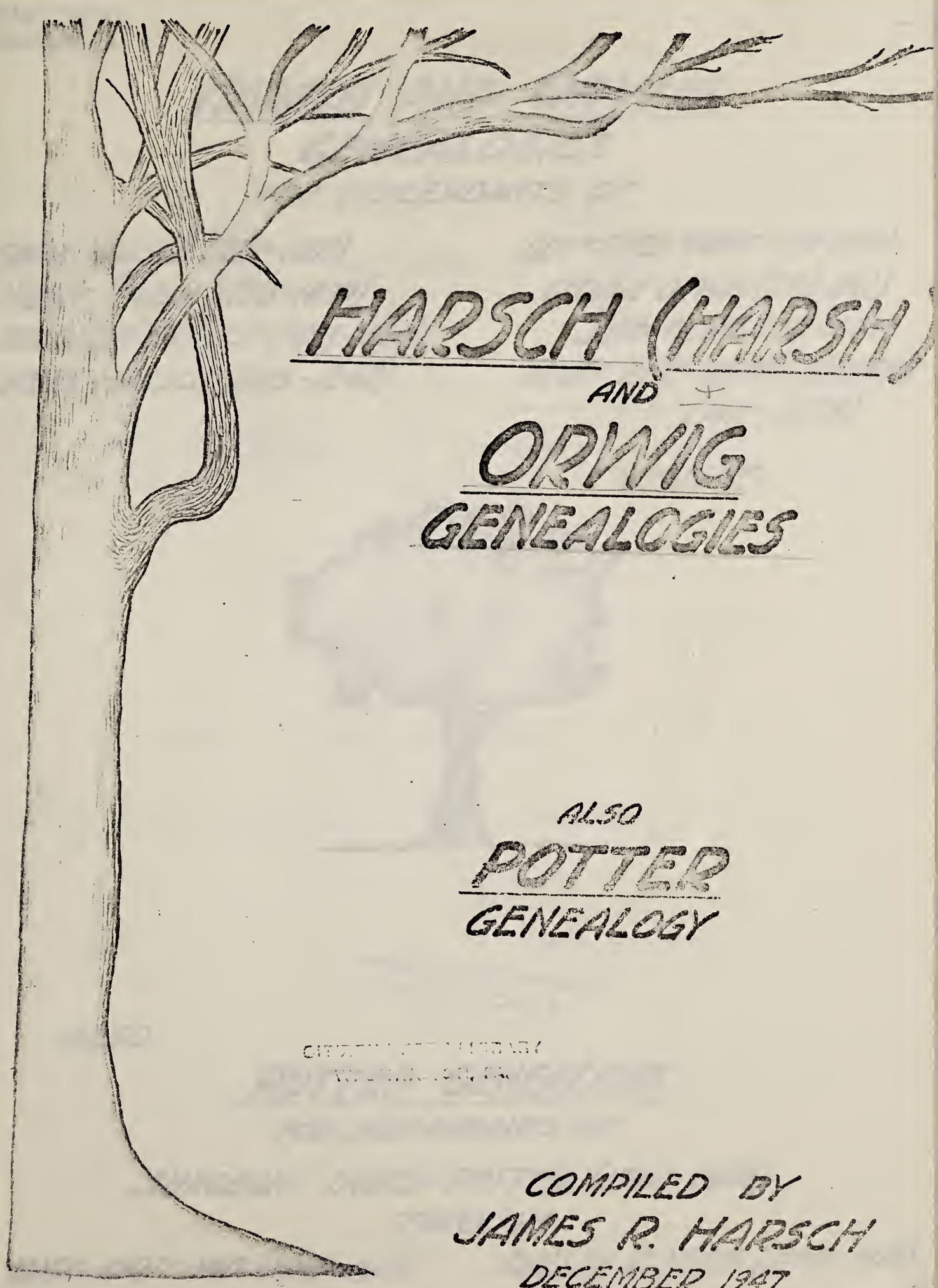

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INTRODUCTION

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The following gathering and presentation of historical records of branches of the several families named on the cover and title page of this leaflet, viz: Harsch, Orwig and Potter, has been prepared by James R. Harsch, of Toledo, Ohio, for his own children, and also for his Brother, Paul A. Harsch, and his Sister, Mrs. Gertrude Harsch Doenitz, and the children and grand-children of all.

Also, it is hoped that it may be of much more than passing interest to descendant generations yet to come.

However, it is also equally intended for the use and benefit, such as it may furnish, of all our cousins and their offspring of all present and future generations, who trace their ancestry back to either of the stocks that became merged in the marriage of John Harsh and Mary Elizabeth (Betsy) Orwig.

In addition to two sections of the pamphlet that show Harsh and Orwig family lines, the one after the other, a third section presents a Potter genealogy, which is included in the pamphlet for the benefit not only of the children of James R. Harsch and his wife, Kathryn Frame Mays Harsch, but also for the cousins on the children's mother's side of the family, that is to say; for descendants of Lucy Kirtland, and her husband, the Rev. Dallas Valentine Mays.

It may be appropriate to explain that where the data appears in the form of copies of affidavits, that such affidavits and other data were first prepared for submission with applications for admission to membership in the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution. Such applications, based on the Harsh and Potter lines, have been approved for Ruth Harsch Rhodes, National Number 351,262, and for the Orwig line applications by other members of the Orwig family. An application by Ruth Harsch Rhodes based on the Orwig line also is pending with the Society, and there is every reason to believe that it will be duly approved.

It follows that any of our cousins who may wish to join the D.A.R. may be reasonably sure of gaining admission by presenting their applications in the manner prescribed by the Society, accompanied by recital of historical data as hereinafter set forth, and extended by them to show the later connections and generations. Reference may also be made in any such applications, to certifications filed with the Society in connection with Ruth Harsch Rhodes' membership papers.

James R. Harsch
Toledo, Ohio, December, 1947.

HARSCH GENEALOGY

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CONRAD HARSH (Hersch) (Hirsch)

This historical presentation could not be considered complete without due mention at the beginning of a certain Conrad Harsh, who arrived at Philadelphia at approximately the same time as (only one day later than) the Simon Hersh to whom we do definitely trace our own authenticated family line. This will appear in the various pages that follow.

Judging from his age on arrival in America, Conrad Harsh may have been the father of Simon, or his uncle, or even an older brother. We are well warranted in the belief that he was very closely related, but the evidence available does not seem sufficiently conclusive, in the opinion of the present compiler, tc assign him a definite place in the chain. However, to enable any one interested to start his own study and investigation, and draw his own conclusion, there is here quoted at length a review of the history of the times and conditions and the known historical facts as presented by a good friend, and it is believed relative as well, a Mr. Robinson H. Harsh, of Washington, D.C., in a report made by him to J. R. Harsch dated July 4, 1946.

The family as a whole owes a tremendous debt of gratitude to Mr. Robinson H. Harsh for the truly stupendous amount of research work he has done on Harsh genealogy. Only a suggestion of what he has done appears herein. But it is through what he has done, and only through what he has done, that it has been possible to trace our own family line back to the courageous, adventurous pioneers who dared to make the move, emigrate from Germany, and brave the dangers, difficulties, and hardships of making their way and establishing the Harsh family in the new unsettled country of America. This it is possible for us to do with full assurance that we are dealing with facts. Many hundreds of other present day Harsh (or Harsch) families may similarly be able to trace back to the same small beginning in this country.

Now follows the July 4, 1946, review and report by Mr. Robinson H. Harsh.

"HARSH

This brief review is offered for the purpose of clearing the background relative to the HARSH family. There are two events that have crept into family accounts, and passed down that are not applicable to them as individuals, but do apply to the Colony of which they were a part. One is, the terrible experience of the early German stock first coming here. The second is, their Stock. Some Dutch settled in Port of Philadelphia in Wm. Penn's Times, and became the center of attention. They became the "Pennsylvania Dutch." They were from Holland, just as those in New Amsterdam (New York City) were. Eventually, all Germans settled in Penn. acquired the off-hand term of Penn. Dutch. Actually, they were pure German stock, and had their own colony about 50 miles above Philadelphia.

Here are the facts from the Public Records, made in those times. Prior to 1709, in the area of Germany next to France, called the Palatinate (and still is) and soon after Martin Luther's time, there developed and came out of France a series of expeditions to kill off all the heretics (Protestants). The marauders became so bad that in 1708 and 1709 large numbers of German Protestants escaped to England, all destitute. What little care was given to them became a burden on the State. Their pastor, Rev. Kocherthal prevailed upon Queen Anna to declare them "Denizens of the Kingdom." Then, she provided a few ships to ship them to the American Colonies to produce "Ships Stores." Separately, at the same time, a private company obtained a grant to ship some of them there also, and for the same purpose. It was a fraud. In history it is known as the "Tar Fiasco." During the year this went on, they loaded about 3,000 Palatinates on ships and sent them away to a general area on the Hudson, above New York. Rev. Kocherthal took about the same number on the ships provided for him. No equipment or much provisions was provided for either party. Both groups sailed in the summer of 1708, and after about eight months of sailing, they arrived in dead of winter, and were dumped ashore. On the way over, over half of each group died of starvation etc., and after landing in winter, half of them died. The survivors stuck it out, got settled, and became prosperous. The Dutch and English in New York declared that their prosperity was a detriment to the public, and to get rid of them, taxed the land away from them. Rev. Kocherthal begged his way to England, to obtain title to the land. He did not get it, but was loaded down with several thousand more Palatinates, and returned. Then Wm. Penn invited the German Colony to come down into Penna., and join the small German colony he had established there. They did this, and from then on

the German Colony in Penna. grew fast. After 1730, news of their success got back to Germany, and so many more came to join them after that date, as to make it a great German area.

The HARSH family line, first of the line in this country, came in 1739 and 1740, with the first large general immigration. None of these later families had the terrible experiences of the first comers. But the accounts, within the community, upon retelling in the passing down, became personal experiences, and so are passed along in every German family of that Colony, regardless of the name, or time prior to 1750, they arrived.

Another point, practically all arrivals then were indentured to older settlers, to work out their passage costs. It was general. However, the records show that the first Harsh family had means to settle by land purchase upon arrival.

Now, as to the first arrivals, After the New York experience, no German would knowingly land there. They confined themselves to ships coming to Philadelphia. These were English vessels, leaving Rotterdam, Holland (the only port out of which it was possible to ship out of Europe) and required to stop at an England port, on the way out. (Thus, most Germans of those times merely remarked that they came from Holland, and later generations assumed that they were "Dutch," on this basis. A German of those times, in view of their troublesome background because of the Dutch, would have disliked the inference.)

The Port of Philadelphia required each landing ship, after 1723, to file at the Court House a List of its "Freight," being passengers. The first lists were in good detail, showing names, ages, etc., but the job became routine, and eventually, after about 1750, turned very sketchy. There were three lists made for as many different reasons, upon landing. One was the Captain's List upon arrival, and another, made at the Court House, where all "Freight" were marched to swear Allegiance to the King, was signed by the heads of each family. Or, if the family members were shipped on different ships over, but all in the same fleet at the start, they always arrived some days apart, and all those aboard each ship 18 years old or over signed the court house list.

As explained elsewhere herein, the name was spelled HERSCH. And so written by those who signed the List. But pronounced HARSH.

For us the List shows:

Ship	Date of Arrival	List A.	List B	List C
Samuel	8-27-1739	Philip Hirsch, age 22	Philip Hersch	Philip Hirsh
Lydia	9-27-1740	Simon Hersh, age 18	Simon Hirsch	Simon Hirsh
		Johannes Hersh, age 16 (or 6?)	not shown	not shown
Samuel & Elizabeth	9/30-1740	Conrath Hirst, age 49 (or 40 ?)	Conrod H. Hersh	Conrath Hirsh

(Translations very difficult of above records over 200 years old. There are three different works published, in the effort to translate them accurately.)

The above Conrad Henry Harsh is undoubtedly the father of all the above listed children, Philip, Simon and John, for it appears that all lived under his roof until maturity, and all attended the same German Lutheran Church there. Such records also indicate that he had other children, then minors, named Lewis, Eva and Anna Barbara. The mother does not appear in the records, so may not have survived the trip over.

In many Harsh families, there is a tale of the father dying on way over. However, the Import Lists do not show this to have been the case with this family. But the Lists do show that it was the case with a family arriving 9-21-1731, spelled HORSCH, and the tax records show that this family later founded the name HORSH, HORSCH, or HORSE, HORST.

Conrad Henry Harsh settled his family in the German settlement, and the first tax records available, of 1774, show the family in Upper Salford Township, Philadelphia County, Penna. (Now Montgomery County, Pa.)

I have been able to follow, in the church and public records, every son of Conrad Henry Harsh, where they settled after marriage, and their children, after them. My own line goes back to his son John Henry, who in later records is John Henry Harsh, Sr., and who had a son John Henry Harsh, Jr.,(both of whom served in the Revolutionary War), and so on down to me.The

Sr. died in Bathlehem, Washington County, Pa., and the Jr. died in Carrollton, Ohio.

However, Mr. James R. Harsch, Toledo, Ohio, runs his line back to Simon, son of Conrad Henry Harsh, by a son of Simon named John Henry Harsh. This John Henry, and also another son of Simon, named George, also served in the Revolutionary War. John Henry served while the family was still in Montgomery County, Pa., and George served after the family moved to Bethlehem Township, Washington County, Penna., in 1780. (Penna. Archives Records). About 1794 John Henry Harsh, Sr., brother of Simon, moved to the same place, and joined Simon. He brought with him 4 sons.

LINEAGE

LINEAGE RECORD OF RUTH GERTRUDE
HARSCH RHODES

(State of Ohio)
( ) SS:
(County of Lucas)

I,- the undersigned James R. Harsch, of Toledo, Lucas County, Ohio, being first duly sworn, depose and say:

The applicant for membership in the Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Ruth Harsch Rhodes, traces her lineage from the Revolutionary Patriot, HENRY HARSH(Hersh) as follows:

Beginning with the immigrant, SIMON HERSH, (1722-1807), who arrived at Philadelphia, Penna., on Sept. 27, 1740, on the ship Lydia, from Rotterdam, as shown by Rupp's "Thirty Thousand Names of Immigrants," and by Philadelphia Court House Records of immigrants who took the oath of allegiance that day, and his age at that time recorded as being eighteen (18) years, making his birth year 1722. (Reference is also made to"Pennsylvania German Pioneers," by R. B. Strassburger, L.L.D., Edited by W.J. Hinke, in 3 Volumes, See Vol. 1,pp.276, 7 & 8).

From church records that have been preserved, it appears that Simon Hersh settled, with other Hershes presumed to have been his brothers, in a section of Marlborough Township, Philadelphia County, Penna., that later on became (Sept. 10, 1784) a part of Montgomery County, Penna. The following is quoted from such church records of the "New Goshenhoppen Congregation" located in that section:

"----------persons who, from the year 1747 to the year 1758, have been married by Mr. George Michael Weiss, V.D.M." ....."Simon Hirsch and Maria Elizabeth Lawar"

Note:The researcher who made the abstract from the record here injects the following comment before proceding with the church record.

"Comment: Rev. Weiss mis-noted the correct Lawar girl Simon married. There were several sisters in the family and it was Anna Margaretha who married Simon, as all later records show. The above is from a record without detailed dates, but the entry occurs near the end of the accounts, and all translators therefore agree that the event occurred late in 1756 or the early part of 1757."

This affiant, however, avers that the above comment compounds a mistake as to the name of the wife of Simon. The following continuation of extracts from the church records shows that wife's name to have been Anna Maria. The name may easily have been, in full, Anna Maria Elizabeth, in which case the reverend pastor's entry could be taken as quite correct. The approximate marriage date is no doubt correct.

"BAPTISMS 1748-1761

DATE	PARENTS	CHILDREN	WITNESSES
March 24, 1758	Simon Hirsch and Anna Maria	Anna Margaretha	Conrad Zimmerman and Anna Margaretha, his wife
Nov. 4, 1758	Samuel Hirsch and wife, Anna Maria	J.Henrich	J.Henrich Hirsch and Maria Margar. Scholl
Apr. 25, 1761	Simon Hirs and Anna Maria	Simon	Henrich Mathys and Veronica

LIST OF CATECHUMENS

List of persons confirmed by me, Joh. Theob. Faber, in Great Swamp, they being from the Old Goshenhoppen Congregation.

1773, Apr. 24 Henrich Hersch, aged 14 years
1777, April 12 Barbara Hersch, aged 15 years."

End of quotation from church records.

On March 28, 1781, Washington County, Penna., was created out of Westmoreland County, Penna. No tax lists appear to have survived for Westmoreland County prior to 1783. However, the tax lists for Washington County for 1781 are available, and they show:

"1781
BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP

NAME	ACRES	TAX VALUE
Simon Hearsh	50	50
Henry Hersh		5
George Hersh		6"

The foregoing shows the several locations of the Simon Harsh family to have been; first, in Philadelphia County, and

second in Washington County, Penna. The foregoing also shows the first recorded appearance of the applicant's Revolutionary ancestor, Henry Harsh (J.Henrich Hirsch) christened Nov. 4, 1758; born, presumably, a short time previously. Incidentally, it is worthy of noticing, that it also shows as sponsoring at that christening another Henry Harsh, indisputably an uncle of the child Henry, applicant's Henry, and therefore a brother of the child's father Simon. Simon is here mistakenly called Samuel. The other two baptisms, of Anna Margaretha and Simon, Jr.,may be taken as controverting the error as to the name Samuel.

Incidentally it may also be here remarked that the elder of these two Henrys, and the George Harsh on the tax list above quoted, who were uncle and nephew, have heretofore been accepted by the Society of the D.A.R. as qualifiers for other applicants for membership. The Henry and George in Bethlehem Twp., Washington County, are brothers, sons of Simon. The uncle Henryhas a son also named Henry, and eventually they become known as Henry, Senior and Henry, Junior. All four of these men, three Henries and a George, have been or are now being claimed as Revolutionary soldiers. Three have already been accepted by the Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, as qualifiers for other applicants for membership.

A certified copy of the Will of Simon (Simeon) Harsh accompanies this affidavit. The Will is dated Oct. 26, 1798, probated April 6, 1807, in Washington County, Penna., recorded in Will Book Vol. 2, page 103. Therein the family appears to have been as follows:

Wife - Mary	Daughter - Elizabeth Nistrike
Son - Philip	Daughter - Frances Myers
Son - Henry	Daughter - Heirs of Sarah Stoupher
Son - George	
Son - John	Daughter - Margaret Friend
	Daughter - Barbara Hornsel

The grave and gravestone of Simon Harsh have not been located, and therefore the date of probating the Will affords the best available approximation of the date of his death,- sometime shortly before April 6, 1807.

HENRY HARSH (Henrich Hirsch), (1758-1839), the applicant's Revolutionary ancestor, son of the above Simon Harsh, is shown above to have been born in Philadelphia County, Penna., shortly before Nov. 4, 1758. If we assume July 4, 1758, as birth date, it will harmonize with subsequent record of age at death on gravestone, and with date of probate of Will. Date of baptism has already been shown as Nov. 4, 1758, and date of con-

firmation as April 24, 1773, and his age at that time stated as 14. On the basis of birth on July 4, 1758, his age at confirmation was 14 years, 9 months and 20 days.

The date of Henry Harsh's marriage has not been determined exactly, but the child that appears to have been the oldest, his son Jacob, was born about Sept. 10, 1782, which would indicate Henry's marriage somewhere about a year earlier, say about Nov. 1781. This marriage was to his first wife, Maria Magdalena, who was born on Jan. 6, 1761, and who was buried in the West Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church Cemetery, West Bethlehem Township, Washington County, Penna., having died October 7, 1797. Her gravestone still stands and gives this information in German wording. It has been viewed by the affiant and the inscription copied, and here repeated as it appears, as to dates of birth and death.

Henry Harsh married a second time, to a Margaret (family name not known) who was born in 1768 and who died in Carroll County, Ohio, Sept. 7, 1844, and who was buried in the Harsh Cemetery, adjacent to the Harsh Church (sometimes called the Swamp Church), located in the hills near the village of Hibbetts, in Brown Township, Carroll County, Ohio. The grave of Henry Harsh is alongside of Margaret's, and at the head of their graves are the graves of Solomon Harsh, his son, the next in sequence in this lineage, and the grave of Rachel, Solomon's wife.

Henry Harsh had children from both of his two marriages as set out hereunder. Baptismal dates shown are taken from the church records of the West Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church aforementioned, indicating rather positively that all his children were born in that vicinity, and none of them in Ohio, where he later moved.

Children from 1st marriage	Name	Born
I	Jacob, born Washington Co., Pa.	about Sept. 10, 1782
II	Solomon, ditto	about Apr. 21, 1793
		Baptized
III	Henry	(not known)
IV	Frand (Baptized Fronika)	July 1, 1794
V	Dorothy	(not known)
VI	Mary	ditto
VII	Simon	ditto
VIII	Elizabeth	ditto
IX	Barbara	ditto
X	Sarah	ditto
XI	Molly	ditto
XII	Katherine	Apr. 10, 1796

Children from 2nd marriage

XIII	John	May 30, 1801
XIV	Esther	Sept. 23, 1802
XV	Peter	Jan. 29, 1805
XVI	Margaret	Jan. 5, 1807
XVII	Anne	____20, 1808
XVIII	Salome	Sept. 14, 1810

The foregoing names of children (except Salome, who is believed to have died in childhood) are taken from the Will of Henry Harsh (Hersh) recorded in Will Records of Carroll County, Ohio, Book A, pp.278,279,280 & 281; probated Feb. 25, 1839.The Will is signed in German script "Henry Hersch." A certified copy of the Will, copied from the original document, accompanies this affidavit.

Henry Harsh died in Carroll County, Ohio, on Nov. 4,1838, aged 80 years and 4 months. Gravestone inscription, viewed by this affiant, says "Died Nov.4,1839," but this is manifestly an error as to the year, as his Will was probated Feb. 25, 1839.

The approximate time of Henry Harsh's removal from Washington County, Penna., to Carroll County, Ohio, is indicated by the deed records of his disposal of land holdings in Penna., as follows:

DEED RECORDS - Washington County, Penna.

Henry Harsh acquired land:

43-3/4 acres	Dec. 2, 1800	Deed Book 1 - Q.p.229,	from Philip Harsh
12 ac. & 3 ac.	Mch. 4, 1820	" " 2 - D.p.507	from " "
He disposed of land			
54 acres	Mch. 20, 1820	" " 2 - E.p. 65	to Jacob Eagey

But a still closer approximation of the time of his removal is furnished by U.S. Census Records. It occurred between 1810 and 1820.

U.S.Census of 1810 shows Henry Harsh (Hashe) living in West Bethlehem, Washington County, Penna., with wife, four sons and six daughters.

U.S.Census of 1820 shows Henry Harsch (so spelled) living in Green Township, Stark County, Ohio, with five sons and three daughters.

For clarification it should be here stated that this portion of Stark County, along with portions of Columbiana County, and several other adjoining counties, were later combined to

make present Carroll County, Ohio.

It has now been shown that Henry Hersh had his birthplace, youth and young manhood in Philadelphia (Montgomery) County, Penna., his more mature life for a short time in Washington County, Penna., and his last years in Carroll County, Ohio.

The MILITARY RECORD OF HENRY HARSH, as is presented somewhat more fully in a separate accompanying affidavit, comprised service as a private in the First Battalion of Philadelphia County Militia, Captain George Egerts' Company, as appears from the preserved portion of the list of members of that company returned as of May 24, 1779, wherein his name appears,- Henry Harsh. His age at this time was about 20 years and 10 months. For verification, reference is made to Pennsylvania Archives, Series 6, Volume 1, page 964. Unfortunately, only very incomplete portions of two other lists of members of Captain Egerts' company for the year 1778 have been preserved, and it cannot now be known whether they also contained this name or not. Preserved portions do not show it. (See Penna. Archives, Series 6, Vol. 1, page 613 and same volume, page 617.) Some of the other frequent recurrences of the name Henry Harsh in the lists of the Fifth Battalion of Philadelphia County Militia, which grew out of the First Battalion about the end of 1779, may also pertain to the subject individual. Future research may clarify this issue.

The next generation in the lineage under consideration is that of SOLOMON HARSCH and his family.

As is shown in the foregoing, SOLOMON HARSCH, son of Henry Harsh, was born in West Bethlehem Township, Washington County, Penna., April 21, 1793. He was married on Feb. 18, 1817, to Rachel, (believed to have been Rachel Seibert), who was born Nov. 19, 1793. Solomon Harsch married a second time to Hannah Youngker, from which latter marriage there were no children.

The children of Solomon and Rachel were as follows:

I	Andrew	Born Feb. 7, 1818
II	John	" Oct. 10, 1819 (Applicant's forbear)
III	Rebecca	" Jan. 21, 1821
IV	Joseph	" Mch. 19, 1823
V	Benjamin	" Mch. 3, 1825
VI	Sarah	" Apr. 22, 1828
VII	Mary	" Sept. 30, 1829
VIII	Samuel	" Mch. 16, 1832
IX	Daniel	" Nov. 22, 1834
X	Susanna	" Apr. 28, 1838

Solomon Harsch died in Carroll County, Ohio, about June 23, 1866, and was buried in the Harsh Cemetery, adjoining the Harsh Evangelical and Reformed Church, (also called Swamp Church), standing by itself in the country, not far from Hibbets Post Office, Carroll County, Ohio. Mrs. Rachel Harsch died Feb. 19, 1845,(aged 51 yrs. 9 mos.) per gravestone, and was buried alongside the grave of her husband, Solomon Harsch, i.e. along side of the space that later became the grave of her husband, who outlived her some years, as just shown. As earlier shown in this affidavit, the graves of Solomon's father Henry, and his stepmother Margaret, lie at the foot of his and his wife's graves in the Harsh Cemetery.

Solomon's (Harsch) second wife, Hannah Youngker, outlived him some years, and seemingly was buried some other where than in the Harsh Cemetery. The date of her death is not definitely known.

Under Solomon Harsh's Will, a certified copy of which accompanies this affidavit, his second wife, Hannah (Youngker) was bequeathed a life interest in his real estate, and it was not disposed of until about 13 years after his death, that is,- in 1879, when one of his surviving Executors, named S.J.Hoffee, sold to John M. Mowls, 240 acres of land, being the S.E.1/4 and the E. 1/2 of the N.E. 1/4 of Sec.22, in Twp.16, Range 6, in Brown Township, Carroll County, Ohio.

This affiant certifies having visited said premises about August 9th, 1946, and having interviewed the present occupant, John Mowls, Junior, who confirmed the fact that it was originally the Solomon Harsch homestead. The dwelling house and barn, which have been modernized and kept in good repair,while retaining the original framework,are very large for farm buildings, their size in proportion to the size of the farm. Mr. Mowls is now an old man, but remembers well that the place was originally a Harsh property.

As to the above family of children of Solomon Harsch, it may be stated that the affiant herein has in his possession an autograph manuscript in German, presumed to have been made by Solomon Harsch, or copied from a record made by him, giving children as above set forth, with birth dates as shown. This manuscript has been preserved between the pages of an old German pulpit (folio size) Bible,published by Johannes Bar, at Lancaster, Pa., in 1819, and handed down from earlier generations of Harsh to the affiant. This was a subscription edition,the names of subscribers appearing in the front of the book. Among others,these occur: Johannes Hersch, Henrich Hersch, Sr., Henrich Hersch, Jr., Ludwig Hersch. The spelling of the name, as here registered by

literary people, is significant.

It will be noted, upon examination of the accompanying certified copy of the Will of Solomon Harsch, that instead of a bequest being made to his son John, (the applicant's forbear), bequests are made to John's three children, namely,- Sarah Ann, Solomon and Matilda. John had died previously as shown next hereunder.

JOHN HARSH, and his family.

As shown in the foregoing, JOHN HARSH, son of Solomon Harsh, was born in Carroll County, Ohio, on Oct. 10, 1819. He was married, the exact date not known, to Mary Elizabeth Orwig, (daughter of John and Catherine Weiss Orwig) who was born about April 20, 1811. Place of marriage not known.

From this marriage, three children were born, as follows:

Children of JOHN HARSH

I Sarah Ann, born Mch. 30, 1844
II Solomon Orwig Harsch, born Dec. 2, 1845 (Applicant's grandfather)
III Matilda, born - after 1845.

Mr. Harsh died a young man, about 29 years old, about the year 1848, through the accident of a tree he was chopping down in the woods, (the last log for the new family home in De Kalb County, Indiana) falling on him. His wife, Mary Elizabeth died at Bellevue, Ohio, in the home of her son, Solomon O., about 1877 or 1878, and was buried in the Evangelical Church Cemetery, at Flat Rock, Seneca County, Ohio. John Harsh is believed to have been buried at De Kalb County, Indiana.

As of side interest, let it be noted that in the U.S. Census of 1850 it appears that Elizabeth Harsh (the widow of John Harsh), was living in Montgomery Township, Wood County, Ohio, as the head of a family, she was aged 39, with orphan children: Abraham (who is A. Burton, a child or stepchild from her first marriage) aged 12 years, and her three children from John Harsh,- Sarah A. 6,- Solomon O. 4, and Matilda, 3, and in addition an Elizabeth Harsh, 69 years of age, whose relationship is not known.

The next generation in the lineage is that of

SOLOMON ORWIG HARSCH, and his family. As has been shown in the foregoing, Solomon O. Harsch was born Dec. 2, 1845, and it is believed, in Carroll County, Ohio, and was married, according to his wife, Elizabeth Ann (Bowers), the affiant's mother, in the Evangelical Church at Flat Rock, Seneca County, Ohio, on Sept. 21, 1871. Elizabeth Ann Bowers was the daughter of James Bowers and Mary (Baer) Bowers, and was born at Millersville, Lancaster

County, Penna., on October 30, 1850.

Solomon Orwig Harsch had children as follows:

I Paul Arthur, born at Bellevue, Ohio, May 12, 1873
m. at Bellevue on Oct. 28, 1903 to Leila Close
Has had children:
Joseph Close Harsch, Paul Arthur, Jr., & Katherine H.

II James Roland, born at Bellevue, Ohio, June 21, 1878.
m. at Pittsburgh, Pa., Nov. 10, 1903, to Kathryn Frame Mays
Has had children:(See next generation hereunder)

III Gertrude Mary, born at Bellevue, Ohio, Oct. 15, 1886.
m. at Bellevue, Ohio, on June 21, 1910, to Szylard Doenitz.
Has had children:
Mary Adele, born at Toledo, O., Apr.4,1913.
m. to Chester Hansen
Frederick Szylard, born Toledo,O.,Oct. 11, 1916.
m. to Rosemary

IV & V Two (twin) sisters, Mable and Grace, died in infancy, (data omitted)

Solomon Orwig Harsch died at Colorado Springs, Colo., on March 26, 1890, and was buried in City Cemetery at Bellevue,Ohio. His wife, Elizabeth, married a second time, to William Kinney. There were no children from her second marriage. She died May 29, 1927, and was buried in the same Bellevue Cemetery, where gravestones show birth and death dates of husband and wife as set forth.

The next generation in this lineage is that of the affiant,

JAMES ROLAND HARSCH, who was born at Bellevue, Ohio, on June 21st, 1878, and as stated above, was married at Pittsburg, Pa., on Nov. 10, 1903, to Kathryn Frame Mays, a daughter of Dallas Valentine Mays and Lucy (Kirtland) Mays. The latter was born at Fairview, Pa., on Oct. 2, 1877, and died at Toledo, Ohio, Nov. 3, 1931, and who was buried in the Woodlawn Cemetery, at Toledo,Ohio.

From this marriage he has children as follows:

I Catherine Elizabeth, born at Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada, August 24, 1904.
m. at Toledo, Ohio, Summer-1928, to Lynn K. Fork
Has one child, son, Richard, born Sept. 1, 1937.

II James Kirtland, born at Telluride, Colo., Aug. 5, 1908.

III Ruth Gertrude, born at Colorado Springs, Colo.,July 27, 1911.
m. at Toledo, Ohio, Nov. 27, 1943
to Richard W. Rhodes, who was born at Worcester, Mass., on May 12, 1912.

This James Roland Harsch is the affiant herein, and by his attested signature hereunder he certifies that all the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct recital of facts, according to his best knowledge, information and belief, after exhaustive study of all available records.

(Signed) James R. Harsch

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, this 19th day of November, A. D. 1946.

(S E A L)

(Signed) Walter W. Humberger
Notary Public

WALTER W. HUMBERGER
Notary Public, Lucas Co.,O.
My commission expires 12/15/48.

COPIES OF WILLS

Copy of WILL of SIMEON (SIMON) HARSH
(Lived about 1722 to about 4-1-1807)

From Washington County, Penna., Court House Records, Will Book, Vol. 2, p. 103, Probated - April 6, 1807.

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In the name of God, Amen, I Simeon Harsh of West Bethlehem Township, and County of Washington, being Weak in Body but of sound memory (blessed be God) calling to mind that it is appointed for all mankind to Die -- do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, in manner and form following: first I Commit my Spirit to God that gave it, and my Body to the Dust to be buried in a decent and genteel manner at the Discretion of my Executors And touching the worldly Substance that God has bestowed on me I Bequeath as follows. first I bequeath to Mary my Beloved Wife all my household furniture and full privilege of living in my house and the full use of the orchard and one cow and Heifer, next I bequeath all my real estate to my son Philip him paying the following, Legacies (to wit) in one year after my Discease to pay my son Henry the sum of Eighty Dollars, the next succeeding year to pay my son George Eighty Dollars, the next succeeding year to pay my son John the sum of one hundred and Six Dollars and sixty seven cents, and the next succeeding year to pay Elizabeth Nistrikee my daughter the sum of twenty six Dollars and sixty seven Cents, and the next succeeding year to pay Frances Myers, my daughter them sum of twenty six Dollars and sixty seven Cents, and the next succeeding year to pay to the heirs of Sarah Stoupher my daughter the sum of twenty-six Dollars and sixty seven cents, and the next succeeding year to pay to Margaret Friend, my daughter, the sum of Twenty six Dollars and sixty seven Cents, and the next succeeding year to pay to Barbarra Hornsel, my daughter, the sum of Twenty six Dollars and sixty seven Cents and also to pay yearly to Mary my wife the quantity of twenty Bushels of Merchantable grain such as she chooses, the wintering of two head of horned cattle two hundred weight of Pork one quarter of acre of flax ground Seed to sow the same and put in the ground in good order And I ordain and appoint Henry Harsh my son and Stephen Sonnatickes Executors of this my last Will and Testament.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 26th day of October 1798

Signed sealed and pronounced Simeon Harsh (L.S.)
in presence of

Henry his X mark Harsh

John his X mark Nestrick

E. Jenkins

Copy from Probate Court Records
Carrollton, Carroll County, Ohio,- Book A, pp. 278,9,280 & 281.

Probated Feb. 25, 1839.

Will of :
Henry Hersh :
Deceased :

Be it remembered that heretofore, to-wit, at a Court of Common Please began and held at the Court House in Carrollton, within and for the County of Carroll and State of Ohio, on Monday, the 25th of February, A.D. 1839, before the Hon. Geor. W. Belden, President, Robert George Reynolds, and Robert Mc Eldeny, Esqs., Associate Judge of said Court, within and for said County of Carroll

The last will and testament of Henry Hersh dec'd was brought into the said Court, the two subscribing witnesses thereto, being sworn, say that they saw the testator sign said will, that they signed said will as witnesses, in the presence, and at the request of the Testator,-that the Testator when he signed said will, was of sound mind and memory, of full age, and under no restraint - Thereupon the same was approved, and ordered to be recorded with the proof taken - Which will, is in the words and figures following to-wit:

Know all Men by These Presents, that I, Henry Hersh, now of the Township of Washington, County of Carroll, and State of Ohio, Knowing the uncertainty of life, and the certainty of death, and being of sound mind and memory, do make, constitute and ratify, this as my last will and testament, hereby making and disannulling any and every will or testament, by me heretofore made either written or spoken.

First- I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, Margaret Hersh, the farm on which I now live containing, One Hundred acres, be the same more or less, bounded on the north by land of John Ebersole, on the south by land of George Abrahims, on the west by lands of George Hewitt, and on the east by lands of Rebecca Crawford, together with any and every the buildings and appurtenances thereunto belonging, to and for the sole use and support of her the said Margaret Hersh, my wife, during her natural lifetime, but not to be by her either incumbered or sold.

And whereas there is due to me, the said Henry Hersh, at the writing of this will, notes and obligations are individually to the amount of one thousand dollars; it is my will that all the interest that may accrue on the unexpended balance of said thousand dollars, (if any part of said sum of one thousand

dollars shall remain unexpended at my decease) shall be paid annually by my executors to my said wife Margaret Hersh for her own use and behoof, but should said interest be insufficient to support my said wife, after my decease, together with the bequeath first above specified, then and in that case it is further my will, that so much of the principal together with the aforesaid interest shall be annually applied by my executors, for her support, as they may deem prudently necessary.

Second - It is my will that such portion of my personal estate, not heretofore named, as shall be necessary to pay any and every just claim, that shall remain unpaid at my decease, together with my funeral expenses and costs of executorship, shall be sold by my executors, at such time after my decease as they may think proper, and the balance of my personal estate, after selling so much as shall pay said claims, shall belong to my said wife, Margaret Hersh, to and for her own use and behoof and at her own disposal in any way.

Third - It is my will, that after the decease of my wife, Margaret Hersh, the land first mentioned in my will, containing one hundred acres, be the same more or less, being a part of the south west quarter of Section twenty-nine, Township fourteen, Range five, in the Steubenville Land District, shall be sold by my executors, at such time, as to them may be thought best, and all the proceeds arising from the sale of said lands after defraying any and every legal expense, shall be equally divided among my children of the first wife, Magdalena Hersh, viz.- Dorothy, Mary, Simon, Jacob, Elizabeth, Barbara, Sarah, Henry, Molly, Solomon, Frand, and Catharine, or to their heirs or legal representatives, share and share alike.

Fourth - It is my will, that any and every, the balance of the said one thousand dollars, mentioned in my first bequeath, that shall remain unexpended, after the decease of my said wife, Margaret Hersh, shall after her decease be collected by my executors, as soon as practicable, and be by them equally divided among the children of my second wife, Margaret Hersh, to-wit, John, Esther, Peter, Margaret, and Anne, or their heirs or legal representatives, share and share alike.

Fifth - I do hereby constitute and appoint my true and trusty friends, Solomon Hersh my son and George Hewett, sole executors of this my last will and testament.

In Testimony that this is my last will and testament, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed my seal, this eighth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight.

(Signed) (in German script) Henry Hersh
(Seal)

(Two Witnesses to Will)

Copy from Probate Court Records
Carrollton, Carroll County, State of Ohio, Book "F", pp. 37 & 38.

Probated June 26, 1866

Will of :
Solomon Harsh :
Deceased :

Be it Remembered that on this 26th day of June A.D. 1866, the last will and testament of Solomon Harsh Dec'd was brought into Court together with the subscribing witnesses, viz: A.R.Haines and R.H.Patterson, who being first duly sworn do upon their oathes say that they saw the testator sign his name to the end of said will and that at the time of signing the same he was of sound mind and memory, that he was of lawful age and free from restraint, and that they signed the same in his presence and at his request as witnesses, and the Court being fully satisfied that said will was in all respects duly executed and attested, the same is admitted to Probate, testing hereby recorded.

And said will is in the words and figures following:

In the name of the Benevolent Father of all, I, Solomon Harsh of the County of Carroll, State of Ohio, do make and publish this my last will and testament.

Item, First, I give my beloved wife Hannah the use of my farm during her life time or so long as she remains my widow. Should she get married I then intend or will her to have no privilege than the law will allow her, that is her interest in the one-third. I further give or will my wife all the household and kitchen furniture, all provisions on hand, bedding and bed clothes, in fact everything pertaining to the house to make her comfortable. I further intend or will that she shall remain in the house so long as she shall live. I further intend or will my wife to keep all my cows and hogs on hand. I want or will all my farming utensils, tools of every description, my share and everything used as machinery or utensils to carry on farming sold at public vendue wagon harness etc., after my decease. I then want or will all my lawful debts paid by my executors whatever may have earned in my sickness death etc. The balance of money on hand or due me I want to be kept on interest by my executors until after the death of my beloved wife, at which time all of my real estate must be disposed of, (which consists of the farm I now live on). When my farm is sold and all due me collected, I want or will it devised amongst my children as follows: To my son Andrew and his heirs, four hundred dollars ($400.); to my son John's heirs (my grandchil-

dren) Solomon, Sarah, and Matilda, Four Hundred Dollars as follows: to Solomon, Two Hundred ($200.) and to each of the girls one hundred ($100.); to my daughter Rebecca and her heirs Three Hundred Dollars ($300.); to my son Benjamin and his heirs Three Hundred Dollars ($300.); to my son Joseph's heirs, Amos, Hannah, Mary and John, Two Hundred Fifty Dollars ($250.),to each of the boys one hundred dollars ($100.) and to Hannah Mary fifty dollars ($50.); to my son Daniel and his heirs Four Hundred Dollars ($400.); to my son Samuel Fifty ($50.)Dollars and to his son Samuel (my Grandson) one hundred dollars ($100.); and to his son Jesse one hundred dollars ($100.); to my daughter Mary and her heirs three hundred dollars ($300.); and to my daughter Susana and her heirs three hundred dollars ($300.). After the division as above named is completed and complied with, the balance of all the proceeds of my entire estate must be divided equally amongst my following children and their heirs, my son Andrew, my son John's heirs, my daughter Rebecca and my daughter Mary and my son Daniel.

I do hereby nominate and appoint Lazurus Lewis and Samuel Affer executors of this my last will and testament, hereby authorizing and empowering them to compromise, adjust, release and discharge in such manner as to them may seem proper the debts due me, and after my death they are to act in good faith as in the foregoing will set forth. I do hereby revoke all my former wills by me made.

In Testimony hereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this first day of December in the year of my Lord 1864.

(Signed) Solomon Harsh (Seal)

Two Witnesses to Will.

MILITARY SERVICE

MILITARY SERVICE RECORD OF HENRY HARSH (HERSH) (1758-1839)

State of Ohio)
) ss.
County of Lucas)

I,= the undersigned, James R. Harsch, of Toledo, Lucas County, Ohio, being first duly sworn, depose and say that the following is a full, true and correct presentation of the military service record of HENRY HARSH (Hersh) (1758-1839), according to my best knowledge, information and belief, after exhaustive study of all available records.

The record comprises Henry Harsh's serving as a private in the First Battalion of Philadelphia County Militia, Captain George Egerts' company, as appears from the preserved portion of the list of members of that company returned as of May 24, 1779, wherein his name appears,- Henry Hersh. His age at this time was about 20 years and 10 months. For verification, reference is made to Pennsylvania Archives, Series 6, Volume I, page 964.

Unfortunately, only very incomplete portions of two other lists of members of Captain Egerts' company for the preceding year, 1778, were preserved, and it cannot now be known whether the lists originally contained this name or not. Preserved portions do not show it. For the list of June 5, 1778, see Penna. Archives, Series 6, Vol. I, p.613. For Dec.1778, see same volume, page 617.

Some of the other frequent recurrences of the name Henry Harsh in the lists of the Fifth Battalion of Philadelphia County Militia, which Battalion grew out of, or at least absorbed the above mentioned First Battalion, about the end of 1779 or the beginning of 1780, may also pertain to the subject individual. Future research may clarify this issue.

Confusion as to the identity of several different men of the same name, Henry Hersh, in the Philadelphia Militia, must be guarded against. The following brief exposition may help in such avoidance.

It appears from the records that in 1777 and on for some few years thereafter there were two brothers Hersh in the neighborhood of Upper Salford Township, Philadelphia County, Penna. One was named Simon (1722-1807) and the other Henry (about 1733-1819). Simon had a son Henry (1758-1839) and Henry had a son also Henry (Jan.4,1765-1852). Three of the four men; that is, all

but Simon, who was too old, served in the First Battalion, later the Fifth Battalion, of Philadelphia County Militia. The military record of the eldest Henry is clearly distinguishable as having been continuously with Captain Philip Gable's company from about 1777 to 1786. Henry, Simon's son, appears in Captain George Egerts' Company in May 1779. No confusion here with Henry, Henry's son, as the latter was still too young at this date, (14 years, 4 months, 20 days), to enter service. This Henry, Henry's son, has been credited in other applications for admission to the Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, with the military record of an Ensign Henry Hersh, beginning with the Lists of Officers of the Seventh Company, Fifth Battalion, in 1780 and continuing in 1781.

While it is evident that inasmuch as at the beginning of the year 1780 this Henry, Henry's son, could not have been but 15 years old, whereas Henry, Simon's son, was over 21 years old, and both residents of the same neighborhood, an argument might be advanced that the Ensign's record was a continuation of the earlier record of Henry, Simon's son, because the other Henry, his cousin, was still too young to enter service as officer, or private. Also, while a further argument might be advanced that inasmuch as Captain Egerts' company, as such, was dissolved late in 1779, because of the death of the Captain; and the Company and the First Battalion were merged in the Fifth Battalion, with Captain Henry Nevel, previously a private in the old First Battalion, thereafter Captain of the Seventh Company, Fifth Battalion, it might be argued as a logical conclusion that the Henry Harsh with him, Nevel, in the new assignment was the same Henry as previously associated with him.

However, and notwithstanding the possibility, this discussion is not to be construed as a claim for the present applicant for credit for the Ensign's services. Rather, the facts are registered here as confirming conclusively that the Henry Hersh in Captain Egerts' company could have been none other than Henry, Simon's son, and to afford passing mention of the possibility that the other record may also be his, leaving the question open for future confirmation or disproof.

To facilitate verification of all the foregoing, the following extended list of references to pages of the Pennsylvania Archives is submitted:

Date		Series	Vol.	Page	Memorandum
1777	May 12	3	3	634	Henry, the eldest, in Philip Gable's
1779	Oct 28	6	1	623	ditto Co.
1779	May 24	6	1	964	Henry, Simon's son, in Capt. Geo. Egerts' Co.
1780		6	1	822	Henry, Ensign,-suggestion made he may have been Henry, son of Simon
1780		6	1	823	Ensign, same 7th Co., 5th Battalion
1780		6	1	951	Ditto next preceding
1780		2	13	757	Ditto next preceding
1780		2	14	22	Ditto next preceding
1780		6	1	833	Henry Hersh, listed Henry, Jr., Ensign 7th Co., 5th Battalion (this listing taken as possibly meaning this to be Simon's son, as Junior to his uncle Henry, not necessarily proof of the Ensign being Henry's son).
1780		6	1	826	Henry, the eldest, in Philip Gable's Co.
1780		2	13	728	ditto
1780		2	14	17	ditto Batt.
1781		6	1	836	Henry Hersh, Ensign, same 7th Co., 5th listed "Henry Hars"
1781		6	1	852	ditto Ensign, listed Henry Hersh
1781	Aug. 24	1	1	842	Henry, the eldest, in Philip Gable's Co.
1781		6	1	845	ditto
1782	Apr & May	6	1	854	ditto listed "Hearsh"
1783	Apr. 28	6	1	864	ditto listed "Hersh, snr."
1783		2	13	728	ditto

Incidentally, in connection with this review, it may be remarked that a record of still another Henry Hersh appears in connection with Captain Read's Company of the Sixth Battalion of Philadelphia County Militia from 1777 to 1779. See Penna. Archives, Series 3, Volume 5, pages 662 and 763.

(Signed) James R. Harsch

Sworn and subscribed to before me, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, this 19th day of November, A.D. 1946.

(Signed) Walter W. Humberger
Notary Public

Walter W. Humberger
Notary Public, Lucas Co., O.
My commission expires 12/15/48.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH N.S.D.A.R.

FAMILY TRADITIONS

ADDITIONAL FAMILIES

Mrs. William V. Tynes
Registrar General, N.S. D.A.R.
Administration Building, 1720 D Street, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

August 19, 1947

Mrs. Ruth Harsch Rhodes
1410 Eleanor Avenue
Toledo, Ohio

My dear Mrs. Rhodes:

Your supplemental papers on the record of Henry Harsh are under examination, and we find that we will have to ask your help in completing them.

We note your statement in your record of military service for Henry Harsh that his son Henry "has been credited in other applications for admission to the Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, with the military record of an Ensign Henry Harsh, beginning with the Lists of Officers of the Seventh Company, Fifth Battalion, in 1780 and continuing in 1781." Can you not tell us the names of the applicants, and the names and national numbers of the members?

We note also that on your application and in family data submitted and certified by you, you give an exact date and use the word "about" in several instances, such as Henry Harsh, born about 7-4-1758; Solomon Harsh, born about 6-23-1866; Mary E. (Orwig) Burton, born about 4-20-1811. We can readily understand why, because of dates of baptism, confirmation, and tombstone inscriptions, you use "about" in connection with the birth date of Henry Harsh, but do not see why you use it in the other two instances.

Awaiting your reply, I am

Sincerely yours

(Ethel M. Tynes) signed
(Mrs. William V. Tynes)
Registrar General, N. S. D. A. R.

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1410 Eleanor Ave., Toledo, Ohio,
August 26, 1947.

Mrs. William V. Tynes
Registrar General, N. S. D. A. R.
1720 D St., N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Tynes:

Your letter of August 19, 1947, in regard to my supplemental application, based on the record of Henry Harsh, is received. In the near future a further reply will be made, and the names and national members, to whom reference has been made in general terms, will be supplied.

In the meantime, however, permit me to correct what appears to be a misapprehension in regard to one particular of my application. The documents submitted do not claim that my ancestor, Henry Harsh, (1758-1838) has been heretofore accepted by the Society as a qualifier for any member. As to another individual of the same name (1765-1852), whom we take to have been Henry's first cousin,- Yes. I understand he has been accepted, and also his father, of the same name, Henry Harsh (1733-1819). The name and number of the member in this case is Edythe Opal (Harsh)Fraser, #346,762. She is sister of the Mr. Robinson H. Harsh, whose name appears at the top of this letterhead. Mr. Robinson Harsh is quite an authority on Harsh genealogy, and could and would gladly clarify any of these questions for your examiners, if given the opportunity. However he is away from Washington on vacation at the present time, but is expected back home late in September.

There is some disagreement between the two gentlemen, Mr. Robinson H. Harsh, and my father, Mr. James R. Harsch, as to which ancestor the military record of the Ensign Henry Harsh really belongs to, but the question is not vital to the validity either of the existing membership, as that is soundly based in any case on the record of Henry Harsh (1733-1819), - or to my present application. My application is adequately based on the record of Henry Harsh (1758-1838) and his membership in Captain George Egerts' company, whether or not the record of the Ensign Henry Harsh also belongs to him.

As to the criticism in the third paragraph of your letter, as to the somewhat excessive use of the word "about", in connection with dates, and in regard to this I will reply more fully in another letter, if needed. I may say, now, however, that the word <u>about</u> should be eliminated in connection with the death date,

(not birth date as you have stated it) for Solomon Harsh,(given as June 23, 1866.)The date given is the exact date. A mistake occurred in copying.

Exact dates for Mary E. (Orwig) Burton have only this summer been ascertained. Her death date is now known to have been March 18, 1878, and her age at death, as inscribed on her gravestone was 66 years, 10 months, and 28 days. Corrections should be made in my application papers to show her birth date as April 21, 1811 and her death date as March 18, 1878.

As to birth date of my ancestor Henry Harsh (1758-1838)all the data available has been supplied, and it would seem that the birth date given is correct within a matter of a few days, and that the use of the word about in this instance is unavoidable and necessary, - i.e. born about 7-4-1758.

A great deal of care has been taken in all this work, as it is realized that errors should not be made, and it is regretted that these points were not better covered in the application.

If any additional information is needed or considered advisable, inquiry and requests will be welcomed.

Very sincerely

JRH/H (Signed) Mrs. Ruth Harsch Rhodes

1410 Eleanor Ave., Toledo, Ohio
September 22, 1947

Mrs. William V. Tynes
Registrar General, N. S. D. A. R.
1720 D St., N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Tynes:

Reference is now again made to your letter of August 19, 1947, in regard to my supplemental application based on the military record of Henry Harsh (1758 - 1838), a partial reply to which was made by my letter of August 26, 1947.

You requested the names and national numbers of members whose memberships I had stated in my documents, were based on or included credit forthe military record of a Henry Harsh who was an Ensign in the Seventh Company, Fifth Battalion, Philadelphia County Militia in 1780 and 1781.

The name and number of one such member is Mrs. Edythe Opal (Harsh) Fraser, No. 346,762, who has already been mentioned at some length in my letter of August 26, 1947, with some discussion of the validity of the claim.

Another member whose stated qualifications I had believed included claim for the Ensign's record is Mrs. Dorothy Miller, No. 343,164. However it has now become evident to me that such is not the case, altho she does trace back, as does Mrs. Fraser, to an older Henry Harsh, (1733-1819). The lines of the two ladies diverge with two sons of the said Henry Harsh, a Henry and a Lewis. To repeat a detail set out in my application papers, my own line stems from a Simon Harsh who is believed to have been a brother, an elder brother, of the said older Henry Harsh. Simon furnished at least two sons to the Revolutionary forces, my Henry and his brother George Harsh (1759-1833). See the record of Society member Florence Adel Harsh, No. 159,185.

Permit me to repeat the closing paragraph of my letter of August 26, 1947: If any further information is needed,- inquiry and requests will be welcomed.

Very sincerely,

(Signed) Mrs. Ruth Harsch Rhodes
No. 351,262

JRH/H

HARSCH FAMILY TRADITIONS

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The next following copies of two documents are included in this pamphlet for their general historical interest. It must be realized and borne in mind that they recite "traditions" rather than proven facts. However, it must also be borne in mind, what we do know, that the narrator, Joshua Harsh, was a very conscientious and a religious man, and he undoubtedly believed thoroughly all he related. His period of life (1823-1910) was comparatively close in point of time, to the date of the arrival (1740) of the first members of this Harsh family in America. Only his father Jacob (1782-1847) and his grandfather, our Henry Harsh (1758-1838) intervened. For the grandfather, Henry, talking to his son Jacob, and Jacob's son Joshua listening, it was the grandfather telling the tale of his own father's experience and migration, which is surely quite a direct way of handing down a tradition, the story of comparatively recent events in the family history.

For the second document, the historical statement of Sarah Harsh Haney, the same assurance of reliability attaches, as her source of information was principally the Joshua Harsh who at another time wrote the letter which constitutes the first of the two documents.

To re-state the relationship of these two, it was as follows: Joshua Harsh was a first cousin of Sarah's father John. John's father Solomon, and Joshua's father Jacob were brothers, both sons of Henry Harsh. Henry's father, of course, has been recorded, was Simon Harsh, the immigrant in 1740.

Now follows

JOSHUA HARSH'S LETTER

6929 Eggleston Ave.,
Englewood, Ill.
Jan. 2, 1900.

Dear Nephew James Harsch,-

Yours of the 22nd October came to hand at the above address, as I moved there the first of November. I was glad to hear from you but at first I could not think who you was 'til I had read your letter through. Of course, I have never seen you, but hope I will some time in the future, God willing. You will find me at the above address in the future, and if you should get a vacation in October, 1900, would be glad to make a visit to Bellevue, Ohio, with you. I expect to make my future home in Englewood, as my days are gliding swiftly by would like to see my old friends and relatives once more.

Now as for my answers: My Father, Jacob Harsh, was born in Washing (ton) Co., Penn.; also Grandfather, and Great-Grandfather. My Great-Great-Grandfather came to this country at the age of 18 years; also one other brother of his. Their father died on the voyage in sight of New York, but could not reach the shore, and was buried in the briny ocean. His request was to be carried on deck that he might see land once more and a free country, as they were driven from their home in Germany, in Biran (Berne?) near the River Rhine. The cause of their leaving was they had to become Catholics or die, or leave the country and all that was dear to them. They left house and home and a lighted candle burning in the house. One of the boys said, "Father, the light is still burning in the house." The Father said: "Let it burn. We will go and save soul and body." After they crossed the Rhine they had liberty to serve God as they chose, but as the father was a man of seven feet height, the King of Prussia wanted him for one of his body guard, as all his guards were of that height. As he would not consent to that, they set sail for America. But the length of time on the ocean was eight months, and in the course of time their provisions gave out. Nothing to eat. But the Lord sent a ship to them and they were supplied. And when they landed on shore they had no money to pay for their voyage, so they found friends by the help of God that took them in and paid their passage, and they worked for the men 'till the money was earned, then they were free to themselves.

Now this is most all from memory, as I heard Father and Grandfather talk it over a number of times, and it so settled in my youthful mind I never forgot the hardships they had to undergo. I have not got the family record, as my oldest sister had it, and what became of it I don't know.

Grandfather Henry Harsh died at the age of nearly 90 years. He died in 1830. My Father died October 15th, 1847, at the age of 63 years, 2 months, less 25 days. He was a brother to your Great Grand Father, Solomon Harsh. As you have the Family Record, you know all about the relationship. As I stated my sister Eva had the Bible Record. My brother John died in his 70th year. He was the oldest in the family and I am the youngest of Father's family. I was 76 the 6th of last May. All of the family are gone except your humble scribe. On my Mother's side, my mother was of the English, lived in England near North Wales in the third generation. Otherwise I can't give you any further account of the old stock. Her maiden name was Hewitt.

Now I think I have given you all the information I possibly could.

Hoping this will find you well, as it leaves me. Well I would like to hear from Arthur, as I have seen him once as I was in Bellvue, Ohio, One of your Aunt's boys is going to school at Naperville, Ill. He was here three weeks ago, and stayed over Sunday; Warren Baker. He is studying for the ministry.

May the Lord be with you. Hope to meet you some time.

Good Bye

(Signed) J. Harsh

Excuse poor writing and spelling.

Note: J. Harsh is "Joshua" Harsh, son of Jacob, son of Henry, son of Simon.

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Spring-1917

Statement made by Sarah Henney, formerly Sarah Ann Harsh, of Flat Rock, Seneca County, Ohio, compiled by her from statements made at various times by Joshua Harsh, of Chicago, Cook County, Illinois.

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In the year 1700, or about two hundred years ago, one Henry Harsh, left Germany from a village located near the Rhine Falls known as Tow Bridge. The cause of leaving Germany was on account of their religious belief.

The Emperor of Germany gave to all his subjects the choice of either becoming Catholics or leaving the country. If they refused to accept one of these alternatives, they would be persecuted (murdered). They held their religious services in their cellars but could not entirely keep it secret, so one day, a good Catholic friend of Mr. Harsh's came out and told him that if he wanted to save his life and the lives of his family, they would have to leave that very night or they would all be massacred, so he left with his wife and seven sons, taking with them of their belongings, as much as they could carry while travelling on foot.

The two younger children were too young to walk, so they made saddle bags and fastened them on a cow carrying the little ones in bags each side of the cow. The cow also furnished them food. They travelled thus until they came to the Rhine River, then crossed the river into France and took passage for America. They were at sea eight months and finally reached New York harbor after much peril. Mr. Harsh was taken ill during the voyage and just caught sight of America. As the vessel reached New York harbor, they carried him on deck so he could see the desired land, but he died before they landed and was buried in the ocean.

The family landed and settled in Washington County, Pennsylvania, later coming to Carroll County, Ohio. Mr. Harsh was a very tall man, measuring seven feet in height, and they said that the king of Prussia wanted him for one of his body-guard. This was in the year 1700. Germany was then controlled by Prussia. When they left their home, one of the sons looked back and said: "Father, you forgot to extinguish the light"; and the Father answered "in the name of God let it burn, we are leaving for the salvation of our souls and bodies." What a great sacrifice this must have been leaving all their possessions except what little they could carry with them for their conscience sake!

I am giving this history just as Uncle Joshua Harsh gave it

to us. The name of the third generation after they left their native land, Uncle did not remember. The following are from the Fourth generation:-

Fourth Generation

Children of Henry Harsh	(Jacob (Joshua's Father) (Solomon (our Grand-father) ((Sarah Ann speaking) (George (Philip (Simon (minister) (Peter (John (singing teacher) (Margaret (Esther

Fifth Generation

Children of Solomon Harsh	(Andrew (Joseph (Benjamin (John (our Father) (Samuel (Daniel (Rebecca (Mary (Susanna

Sixth Generation

Children of John Harsh	(Sarah Ann (Solomon (Matilda

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Family III

Sarah Ann (HARSH) Henney (John[5] Solomon[4] Henry[3] Simon[2] __[1])

Born March 30,1844, at Carroll County,Ohio,died _____ 1928,buried at village cemetery at Flatrock, Seneca County,Ohio. Married Johnathan Henney,who was born July, 1841, at Center County, Pa.,and died ____, and buried at Flatrock, Seneca County, Ohio.

Their Children

1 Mary Almeda, b. Sept. 27, 1868, at Flatrock, Ohio
Married Milton Spayd.
Daughter Beatrice,b.1898.Lives Cleveland,Ohio.

2 Elizabeth Ardella, born April 21,1872, at Flatrock,Ohio.
Married Frederick Parker
Daughter Marcy,- died young
Daughter Marion, lives Omaha, Nebr.

3 Samuel Willard, b. at Flatrock,Ohio,July 7,1874.
Married at Flatrock,O., Jan.1900.
Lives Bellevue, Ohio.
See Family VI

4 Marvin Johnathan, b. at Flatrock,O.,Nov.1,1876,d. May ____1893.

5 Pearl, b. Aug.13,1883, at Flatrock, Ohio.
Married Oct. 20, 1912, to Wallace Amos Leininger
Lives Bellevue,Ohio.See Family XII
Married, second, Rufus Gallup
Married, third, Charles Stoll

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The above Sarah Ann Henney was the author of a memorandum on Harsh family history, which is presented in full elsewhere in this compilation of family genealogy. She lived as a farmer's wife on the family farm near Flatrock, Ohio, for most of her active life, and some time after the death of her husband she moved to Bellevue, Ohio, and spent the later years of her life with the youngest daughter, Pearl. She was a very devout Christian and member of the church known as the Evangelical Association, which has latterly become merged with the United Brethren denomination, under the name of the Evangelical United Brethren. She took quite a little pride in her Harsh and Orwig ancestry, which are shown elsewhere in this compilation.

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Family VI

Samuel Willard Henney (Sarah Harsh[6] John[5] Solomon[4] Henry[3] Simon[2] ? [1])

Born July 7, 1874, at Flatrock, Tompson Twp., Seneca County, Ohio, and
Married Jan. 24, 1900, to Jennie L. Robert, who was born Aug. 1, 1877, in Tompson Twp., Seneca County, Ohio.

Their Children

1 Lee Jason Henney, b. Oct. 20, 1901, at Flatrock, Ohio
Married Tessie DiDida
Son - DeWitte
2 Grace E. Henney, b. Aug. 5, 1904, at Flatrock, Ohio
Married Milton Stark
Daughter - Suzanne
3 Marvin J. Henney, b. Aug. 12, 1907, at Flatrock, Ohio
Married Grace Rheinhart
Dau. Donna Jean
Son David
Son Richard
Dau. Vera
Dau. Alice
Son James
4 Georgia P. Henney, b. July 23, 1909, at Flatrock, Ohio
Married Edward La Roche
Son Robert
5 Evelyn Henney, b. Jan. 8, 1913
Married Dorn Miller
Son Paul
6 Howard Henney, b. June 1, 1915, at Flatrock, Ohio
Married Eleanor Wood
Son Garey
7 Esther E. Henney, b. Dec. 27, 1919, at Flatrock, Ohio
Married Roy Clifford
Dau. Karen
Dau. Sharen
8 Clifford Henney, b. June 26, 1921, at Flatrock, Ohio
Married June Nearhood
Dau. Judy
Dau. Reta
Dau. Sandra

Samuel Willard Henney lived on and operated the parental farm homestead until his retirement from active farming a few years ago, and is now (Dec. 1947) living retired at Bellevue, Ohio.

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Family XII

PEARL HENNEY (Sarah Harsh[6] John[5] Solomon[4] Henry[3] Simon[2] ____?[1])

Born Aug.13,1883,at Flatrock,Ohio. Married Oct.20,1912, to Wallace Amos Leininger, who was born July 17,1883,at Flatrock,Seneca County,Ohio, and who died Apr. 13,1917.

Their Children

1 Gertrude Lenore Leininger,who was born at Bellevue, Ohio, Nov.14,1914
Married Dec.25,1941, to Ford Simon
Son Richard Lee, born Sept.20,1944.

2 Sarah Elizabeth Leininger, born at Bellevue,Ohio, Feb.13,1917.
Married_____ to Nicholas Cucare
Dau. Judy Pearl,born Sept.25,1941
Dau. Connie Jean,born Mch. 16,1943.

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Pearl Henney, who was the daughter of Sarah Ann (Harsh) Henney, who was the daughter of John Harsh, and so on back as shown in the superscription, married first Amos Leininger, as shown above, and had children as shown.

She married a second time, to Rufus Gallup, of Bellevue, Ohio, on Sept. 30, 1920. Mr. Gallup died August 5, 1934. They had no children.

She married, third, Charles Stoll, on June 10,1941. Mr. Stoll died March 23, 1942. They had no children.

Pearl Henney,- i.e. Mrs. Charles Stoll, is now living (Dec.1947) at 142 Friedley Ave., Bellevue, Ohio. The daughter Gertrude is living at Bryan, Ohio.

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Family V

MATILDA (HARSH) BAKER (John Harsh[5] Solomon[4] Henry[3] Simon[2] ? [1])

Matilda (Harsh) Baker, daughter of John Harsh and Elizabeth (Orwig) Harsh, was born at Carroll County, Ohio, on Sept. 4, 1847. She was married at Flatrock, Seneca County, Ohio, on August 23, 1866, to Emanuel Baker, who was born at Mc Clure, Penna., on Feb. 6, 1840, and who died at Bellevue, Ohio, on Dec. 30, 1906.

Mr. & Mrs. Baker located first on a farm a short distance south of the town of Flatrock, Seneca County, Ohio, and also lived for a few years in Kansas, but in 1872 they moved to Bellevue, Ohio, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Mr. Baker was a charter member of the Evangelical church and continued a faithful, active member to the hour of his death, which occurred while he was devoutly attending Sunday morning service. He enlisted in the U.S. Army on August 23, 1862, and served as a private throughout the Civil War in Company D, 34th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was in many battles and skirmishes. He was a prisoner of the Confederates for three months in Libby prison. Was honorably discharged at Cumberland, Md., June 27, 1865. He was a skillful woodworker in a factory at Bellevue, and followed that occupation most of the year each year during the more mature years of his life, filling in during the summer season with farm work for his wife's sister's husband, Johnathan Henney.

Mrs. Matilda Baker died at Bellevue, Ohio, On March 30, 1898. Both she and her husband are buried in the Bellevue city cemetery.

Their Children

1 Solomon. Their first child,- died in infancy.

II John Anson, born at Bellevue, Ohio, on Mch. 14, 1868
Married at Bellevue, on June 5, 1895, to Ada L. Landis, who was born near Bellevue on May 22, 1870, and now (Dec. 1947) living at 422 N. West St., Bellevue, Ohio.
John A. Baker died at Bellevue, on April 15, 1911.

III Warren Adelbert, born at Bellevue, on Mch. 11, 1878.
Married at Idaho Falls, Ida., on July 10, 1911 to Alice Holman
Died at Idaho Falls, Ida., June 11, 1944.
Mrs. Baker now living (Dec. 1947) at 1823 N. Garfield, Hollywood, Calif.
Neither of the above had children.

IV Courtland Otto, born at Bellevue, Ohio, on March 8, 1881.
Married at Provo, Utah, on Sept. 6, 1906 to Lena Bachman.
See Family V-2

Family V-2

COURTLAND OTTO BAKER (Matilda(Harsch)Baker[6] John Harsch[5]
Solomon[4] Henry[3] Simon[2] ___?___[1])

Courtland Otto Baker, was born at Bellevue,Ohio,March 8,1881, son of Emanuel Baker and Matilda (Harsh)Baker, (See Family V), and was married at Provo, Utah, Sept. 6, 1906, to Lena Bachman, who was born at Provo, Utah, Oct. 4, 1877, daughter of Benjamin Bachman and Madeline (Oakley)Bachman.

Mr. Baker received his education in the public schools, at Bellevue,Ohio, and after maturity worked for varying lengths of time in a department store in Cleveland, Ohio, and at the following places in the West; first, at the hydro-electric power generating station at Nunna in Provo Canyon, Utah, for the Telluride Power Company, and at a later built station of the same company at Olmstead, at the mouth of Provo Canyon, Utah. From Utah he was transferred by the same interests to take the position of manager of the city electric lighting company at Telluride, Colorado, which position he occupied for some years. After the electric interests of the above named company were sold to a consolidation known as the Utah Power & Light Company, Mr. Baker moved to San Francisco, California, where, for several years he was general distributer for the Pacific Coast territory of the products of the Edison Phonograph company , which company it appeared for a time might dominate the business of recording and reproducing music and sound. The business, however, diminished instead of increasing, and Mr. Baker moved on to Seattle, Washington, where he has made his home and now lives at 1612 - 8th Ave., West. In Seattle he has been variously engaged, in automobile business, and for a time as an independent manufacturer of auto truck bodies. Latterly he has engaged in supervising a cabinet making shop, following the pursuit that has always especially appealed to him, mechanical construction and particularly wood working, as his father before him.

Children

One Child - Daughter

Marion,-born at Telluride, Colorado, April 11,1908
Married to Lucien Francois Marion,April 23,1932
Who was born at Seattle,Wash.Dec.8,1905, a son of Armand Francois Marion and Sadie Morgan Marion.
They have children:

Virginia Marion ,born June 22, 1934, at Seattle,Wash.

Armand Robert Marion,born Oct.26,1938,at Seattle, Wash.

ORWIG GENEALOGY

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As embodied in "Supplemental" Application of Ruth Harsch Rhodes to Socity of the D. A. R., July 30, 1947.

LINEAGE

I,- Ruth Harsch Rhodes, being of the age of eighteen years and upwards, hereby apply for membership in the Society by right of lineal descent in the following line from GOTTFRIED ORWIG, who was born in Brunswick, Germany, on the 24th day of August, 1719, and died in Orwigsburg, Penna., on the 26th day of May, 1804. His place of residence during the Revolution was Maiden Creek, near Reading, Penna.

1. I am the daughter of James R. Harsch, born on 6-21-1878, at Bellevue, Ohio, living at Toledo, Ohio, on 7-18-1947, and his wife Kathryn Mays Harsch, born on 10-2-1876, at Fairview, Penna., died at Toledo, Ohio, 11-3-1931. Married on 11-10-1903.

2. The said James R. Harsch, was the child of Solomon Orwig Harsch, born on 12-2-1845, at Carroll County, Ohio, died at Colorado Springs, Colo., on 3-26-1890, and his wife Elizabeth Ann Bowers, born on 10-30-1850, at Millersville, Penna. Married on 9-21-1871.

3. The said Solomon Orwig Harsch was the child of John Harsh, born on 10-10-1819, at Carroll County, Ohio,- died at De Kalb County, Indiana, on about _____ 1848, and his wife Mary Elizabeth Orwig (Burton), born 4-21-1811, born either at Mifflinburg, Penna., or Sandusky County, Ohio, - died at Bellevue, Ohio, on 3-18-1878. Married on _____.

4. The said Mary Elizabeth Orwig (Burton),(Burton 1st husband), was the child of John Orwig, born on 7-21-1781, at Orwigsburg, Penna., died at Bellevue, Ohio, on 9-25-1844, and his wife Cathryne (believed to have been Cathryne Weise), born on _____ at _____, and died at _____ on _____. Married on _____.

5. The said John Orwig, was the child of George Orwig,born on 3-11-1758, at Maiden Creek, near Reading, Penna.,- died at Mifflinburg, Penna., on 3-2-1841, and his wife Maria Magdalene Gilbert born on 8-10-1758 at _____, died at Mifflinburg, Penna., on 1-30-1841. Married on _____.

6. The said George Orwig was the child of Gottfied Orwig, on 8-24-1719, at Brunswick, Germany, died at Orwigsburg, Penna., on 5-26-1804, and his wife Clara_____, born on 1-26-1716 at _____, Germany, died at Orwigsburg, Penna., on 1-5-1788.

ORWIG GENEALOGY (Continued)

7. The said Gottfied Orwig was the child of _____. His ancestry not known.

Reference for Lineage

Details for generations 1, 2 & 3 are from genealogical data heretofore compiled by applicant's father, James R. Harsch, with whom applicant and husband are now living at 1410 Eleanor Avenue, Toledo, Ohio. Such data was gathered by him from tombstones at Bellevue, Ohio, and Flatrock,Ohio, and from his mother, and from his father's sister, Sarah Hanney, (born Harsh), daughter of Mary Elizabeth Orwig (generation 4) and husband John Harsh. See accompanying affidavit of James R. Harsch attesting the facts recited in this application.

Details for generations numbered 4, 5 &6, are from pages 181 to 191 inclusive of the book,- The History of the Wagenseller Family in America" by Geo. W. Wagenseller, A.M., of Middleburgh, Penna., published by the Wagenseller Publishing Co., Middleburgh, Penna., in 1898.

DATA RE: MARRIAGES

The first of the two Revolutionary Ancestors, GOTTFRIED was married to Clara _____ at _____, Germany, between 1741 and 1748

The second of the two Revolutionary Ancestors, GEORGE was married to Maria Magdalena Gilbert, believed to have been at Douglas Twp.,Montgomery Co.,Pa.,early in 1779.

CHILDREN OF REVOLUTIONARY ANCESTORS

Names	Birth Dates	To Whom Married
Children of GOTTFRIED ORWIG		
1. Catherine	Dec. 4, 1748	
2. Peter	Jul. 8, 1750	Hannah Webb
3. Maria	Dec.19, 1751	
4. Henry	Dec. 6, 1753	Elizabeth Haring
5. Elizabeth	Oct. 8, 1756	
6. GEORGE	Mch.11, 1758	Maria Magdalena Gilbert
Children of GEORGE ORWIG		
1. George	Jan.17, 1780	
2. John	Jul.21, 1781	(Cathryn (believed to have been C.Weiss)
3. Jacob	Apr.18, 1783	

For continuation of children of George Orwig see next page.

ORWIG GENEALOGY (Continued)

Children of GEORGE ORWIG (Continued)

4.	Isaac	Feb. 27,1785	
5.	Abraham	Feb. 26,1787	
6.	Henry	June 27,1789	
7.	Mary Sarah	Aug. 27,1791	
8.	Maria Magdalena	Dec. 5,1793	Ephraim Hackman
9.	Rebecca	Feb. 21,1796	Thomas Crotzer
10.	Samuel	Apr. 6,1798	
11.	William	Mch. 22,1800	
12.	Hannah	Jul. 1,1802	

ANCESTOR'S SERVICES

Ancestor Gottfried Orwig (1719-1804) generation 7 in the foregoing, served as private in the "Old Man's Company," Pennsylvania Line.

Ancestor George Orwig (1758-1841), generation 6 in the foregoing, served as private under Captain James Olds at the battles of Long Island and White Plains; and, 1778, served under Colonel Lindamute, and Lt. Col. George May. George Orwig was appointed Ensign in the 6th Company, Second Battalion, Berks County, Militia, 4-21-1783.(Penna Archives,V.10,p.191.)

References for records of MILITARY SERVICE OF GOTTFRIED ORWIG, generation 7, are to pages 181 and 182 of the aforementioned "History of the Wagenseller Family in America," and to page 695 of the "Cottage Encyclopedia" therein referred to.

References for record of MILITARY SERVICE OF GEORGE ORWIG, generation 6, is to page 184 of the said "History of the Wagenseller Family in America," and to Penna. Archives, Vol.10, page 191.

A copy of pertinent sections of said Wagenseller pages is attached hereto as a rider.

MILITARY SERVICE OF GOTTFRIED ORWIG

Copy of portion of pages 181 and 182 of "The History of the Wagenseller Family in America," out of the chapter thereof dealing with the ORWIG GENEALOGY.

> "During the Revolutionary War a company of old men was organized, eighty in all. (See Cottage Cyclopedia, page 695). It was called the Old Men's Company. Their captain was nearly one

MILITARY SERVICE OF GOTTFRIED ORWIG (Continued)

hundred years old, drummer ninety-four, the youngest nearly seventy. In a history of Pennsylvania the names of this company are given and Gottfried is among them."

MILITARY SERVICE OF GEORGE ORWIG

Copy of portion of page 184 of "The History of the Wagenseller Family in America," out of the chapter thereof dealing with the Orwig genealogy.

"In July, 1776 (he) enlisted and served five months in the Rifle Company, commanded by Capt. James Olds, and during this service was engaged in the battle of Long Island, and in the battle at White Plains; In August, 1777, he enlisted as a substitute for Philip Shots, and served two months as a private in the company commanded by Capt. Jacob Whetstone, and was engaged in the battle of Brandywine; In the winter of 1778 enlisted as a substitute for his brother, Henry Orwig, and served one month as a private at Plymouth Meeting, about twelve miles from Philadelphia; In March and April of the same year served two months as a private at White Marsh about ten miles from Philadelphia, under the command of Col. Lindamute and Lt. Col. George May; In Sept. 1778, served about two months at Ft. Jenkins, as a private under the officers last named."

"George Orwig was appointed Ensign in the 6th Company, second Battalion, Berks County Militia, April 21, 1783. (See Penna. Archives Vol. 10, page 191.)"

LINEAGE RECORD OF RUTH (GERTRUDE) HARSCH RHODES

State of Ohio)
) ss.
County of Lucas)

I,- the undersigned James R. Harsch, of Toledo, Lucas County, Ohio, being first duly sworn, depose and say:

The applicant for membership in the Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Ruth Harsch Rhodes, traces her lineage from the Revolutionary Patriot, GOTTFRIED ORWIG, and through his son GEORGE ORWIG, a second Revolutionary Patriot, as follows:

Reference is made to the Lineage set forth in the application which this affidavit accompanies, and the same is all fully reaffirmed the same as though repeated here in detail.

Generation No. 1 is of course all a matter of personal knowledge with the affiant, and as set out is true and correct. Other dates of birth and death have been verified by comparison with records made of data shown by gravestones, except as to John Harsh, who died in De Kalb County, Indiana, and whose grave has not been located, but is believed to be in the city cemetery at Auburn, the County Seat of that county.

Facts recited as to Generations 2 and 3 are as reported to the affiant personally by his mother, by his aunt, Aunt Sarah Harsh Henney, who was daughter of the Mary Elizabeth Orwig shown in Generation 4, and by Joshua Harsh, who was husband of Sarah Ann Orwig, sister of said Mary Elizabeth. Joshua Harsh was first cousin to John Harsh, husband of said Mary Elizabeth. Facts as to family relationship were further reported orally to the affiant by one John Auble, a son of Susanna Orwig, who was also a sister of the said Mary Elizabeth Orwig. John Auble was thereby a first cousin of applicant's grandfather, Solomon Orwig Harsch. The grave of the said Mary Elizabeth, who died widow of Abraham Sherk, is in the town cemetery at Flatrock, Seneca County, Ohio, and her gravestone gives her death date and age in conformity with that set out in the lineage record herewith, and has been viewed and copied by the affiant, her grandson.

The orphaned family of the said John Harsh (Generation 3) is shown in the U.S. Census for the year 1850, headed by the widowed mother Elizabeth, age 39, as living in Montgomery Township, Wood County, Ohio. The family includes a son of Elizabeth, listed Abraham Harsh, whose correct name was Abraham Burton. He was

a son of Elizabeth by her first marriage to an Abraham Burton. Also included in her family at that time was another Elizabeth Harsh, aged 69, whose relationship is not positively known, but it is believed she was the mother of the above Joshua Harsh, first cousin of the deceased husband, John Harsh. The said Joshua Harsh, with his wife Sarah (Orwig) is shown in the same census as living in the same township and county, with two young sons and a daughter in his family. Family tradition has it that at that time (1850) he was providing home and sustenance for the family of his deceased cousin, John Harsh.

As to the generations back of said Mary Elizabeth Orwig, that is to say, generations 4, 5, 6 & 7, reliance is placed on the compilation of Orwig Family Genealogy by Geo. W. Wagenseller, A.M., as set out in pages 181 to 191 inclusive of "The History of the Wagenseller Family in America," and as to the same, the affiant believes all of same to true and reliable.

And as to all the foregoing, the undersigned affiant hereby takes his oath that the same is a full and true presentation of facts, as he verily believes, after long and careful investigation and study of all available records.

(Signed) James R. Harsch
James R. Harsch

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, this 28th day of July, A.D. 1947.

(Signed) Walter W. Humberger
Notary Public

Walter W. Humberger
Notary Public, Lucas Co.,O.
My commission expires
12/15/48.

(Seal)

POTTER GENEALOGY

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As embodied in Application of Ruth Harsch Rhodes to the Society of the D. A. R., approved April 19, 1945, and assigned No. 351,262.

LINEAGE

I,- Ruth Harsch Rhodes, being of the age of eighteen years and upwards, hereby apply for membership in the Society by right of lineal descent in the following line from Dr. Jared Potter, who was born in East Haven, Conn., on the 25th day of Oct. 1742, and died in Wallingford, Conn., on the 11th day of July, 1810. His place of residence during the Revolution was Wallingford, Conn.

1. I am the daughter of James R. Harsch, born on 6-21-1878, at Bellevue, Ohio, died at _____on _____ and his wife Katherine Mays Harsch, born on 10-2-1876, at Fairview, Penna., died at Toledo, Ohio, on 11-3-1931. Married on 11-10-1903.

2. The said Katherine Mays Harsch was the child of Rev. Dallas V. Mays, born on 8-14-1844 at _____, died at Aspinwall, Penna., on 10-11-1903, and his wife Lucy Kirtland Mays, born on 4/22/1849 at Boardman, Ohio, died at Poland, Ohio, on 11-18-1913. Married 10-4-1871.

3. The said Lucy Kirtland Mays was the child of Billius Kirtland born on 8-29-1807 at _____, died at Poland, Ohio, on 8-21-1891, and his wife Ruthanna Frame Kirtland, born on 3-8-1809, at _____, died at Poland,Ohio, on 6-8-1888. Married on 4-5-1829.

4. The said Billius Kirtland was the child of Turhand Kirtland, born on 11-16-1755, at Wallingford, Conn., died at Poland, Ohio, on 8-16-1844, and his wife Mary Potter Kirtland, born on 2-10-1772, at New Haven, Conn., died at Poland, Ohio, on 3-21-1850. Married on 6-19-1793.

5. The said Mary Potter Kirtland was the child of Dr. Jared Potter, born on 9-25-1742 at East Haven, Conn., died at Wallingford, Conn., on 7-11-1810, and his wife Sarah Forbes Potter, born on _____, at _____, died at Wallingford, Conn., on _____. Married 4-19-1764.

6. The said Dr. Jared Potter was the child of Gideon Potter, born on 6-3-1700 at East Haven, Conn., died at _____ on 12-30-1756, and his wife Mary Moulthrop Potter, born on _____, 1701, at _____,died at _____on _____. Married on _____.

7. The said Gideon Potter was the child of John Potter III, Sergt., born on _____ at East Haven, Conn., died at _____ on _____ and his wife Elizabeth Holt Potter, born on _____ at _____, died at _____on _____. Married on _____.

8. The said John Potter III, was the child of John Potter, Jr., born at New Haven, Conn., and his wife Hannah Cooper Potter, born at East Haven, Conn.

9. The said John Potter, Jr., was the child of John Potter and Elizabeth.

References for Lineage

2nd Gen. My mother - Dates from tombstone at cemetery, Toledo, Ohio.

3rd Gen. This - and the following generations thru No. 9 - data is taken from Pages 26-27, Part V of the "History and Genealogies of the Potter Families in America" edited by Charles Edward Potter, Published by Alfred Mudge & Sons, 1888, and Davis History of Wallingford.

CHILDREN OF REVOLUTIONARY ANCESTOR

Names	Dates of Birth	To Whom Married
Sarah	10-5-1756	Dr. Billius Kirtland
Mary	2-10-1772	Turhand Kirtland

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Note:

A rider, reading as follows, attached at this point to the application form.

Turhand Kirtland

(Information obtained from Registration papers in the Association of the Daughter's of the American Revolution - of Lucy Kirtland Mays.)

Turhand Kirtland was an original member of the Connecticut Land Company, which purchased the title to the New Connecticut Land Co. or The Western Reserve.

As an agent for this company, he conducted a boat laden with surveyors, emigrants and provisions up the Mohawk River thru Wood Creek, Oneida, and the Ontario Lake, into Niagara River. Then hauled it around the falls on the Canadian side, and navigated up the river and thru Lake Erie into Grand River

above the present city of Painesville.

He annually visited his home in the East, until 1803, when he removed his family to Ohio and located in Poland where he resided until his death.

The following is a copy of a letter written by James R. Harsch to Elizabeth Harsch Fork, sister of the applicant Ruth Harsch Rhodes, for use in connection with her record of her application, for reasons that appear in the letter. Letter attached to applicant's copy for reference.

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Toledo, Ohio,
Nov. 17, 1946.

Dear Betty:

Referring to your letter of Thursday, in which you express curiosity in regard to the entry on page 3 of the application for membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution, in the place where the names of the children of the Revolutionary ancestor are set down as being:

Sarah Potter	born	10-5-1756	married Dr. Billius Kirtland
Mary Potter	born	2-10-1772	married Turhand Kirtland

All of this seems to be correct, as explained below, as I have looked up references both in the bound book, "Genealogies of the Potter Family in America," and in a manuscript genealogical summary of the Kirtland family compiled by a Mr. I. A. Mansfield of Beaver, Pa., about Jan. 16, 1918, who married into the family.

The Potter family genealogy gives the two daughters of Dr. Jared Potter, as above set down, with the birth date of Sarah, however, as 10-5-1767 (which seems more reasonable), and the husbands are shown as stated, with the marginal notation that they were sons of Constant Kirtland and his wife Naomi R. (Brocket).

The Potter book goes on to show the marriage and family of the above Sarah Potter and Billius Kirtland, M.D., and the marriages of the three daughters they had. One son they had died unmarried.

The family of Turhand Kirtland is set forth in both the Potter book, and in the Mansfield manuscript. Turhand was married twice, and the Potter book makes no mention of that, giving credit to Mary (Potter) as being the mother of all seven children

of Turhand. On the other hand, Mr. Mansfield's notes give the first wife Mary (Beach) as the mother of the famous Dr. Jared Potter Kirtland of Cleveland, and the other children as having been the offspring of the second wife, whom we have always known of as "Polly," and he so calls her,- "Polly Potter." I think the Potter book is wrong in naming her Mary, unless her full name was Mary Polly, or perhaps the compilers of the book confused the Mary Beach with Polly, and took the name Mary for the Potter daughter, sister of Sarah.

Anyway, the entries in the "Application" are correct as to there having been two daughters, who married Kirtland brothers. That would make the Dr. Billius Kirtland an uncle of Billius Kirtland, of Poland, your maternal great-grandfather.

It might be well to attach this to your copy of the "Application." I have a carbon copy which I am attaching to Ruth's copy.

Affectionately your father

(Signed) James R. Harsch.

ANCESTOR'S SERVICES

My ancestor's services in assisting in the establishment of American Independence during the War of the Revolution were as follows:

The following is quoted from Page 26 of the aforecited Part V of the Potter Genealogies:- Jared Potter, M.D.--- at the outbreak of the War of the Revolution..... he removed to Wallingford, Conn., was appointed surgeon of Colonel Wooster's regiment, at the capture of St. John he was there placed in charge of the hospital. He followed the retreat from Canada under Arnold - this regiment was then disbanded. Another, under Colonel Douglas was raised, to which he was appointed surgeon ..... He was in the battle of Long Island - under Gen. Sullivan, also in the retreat from the city of New York, the battle of White Plains, and at length had charge of a hospital at Rye or Saw Pits until his regiment was disbanded .....

The following is quoted from the Davis History of Wallingford: This is an extract from a paper read before the New Haven, Conn., Medical Society:- Jared Potter, M.D.,Graduated from Yale - 1760 - He studied medicine with Dr. Elliot of Guilford, Conn., and located as a physician in New Haven. He was

one of the most distinguished physicians in Conn. and the teacher of many eminent members of the profession. He was considered a superior academic scholar and well read in his profession. He was esteemed a man of strong reasoning powers and a very judicious physician..... The Tory Governor of New Jersey was billeted as a prisoner with his family at their home in Wallingford.

As additional evidence for eligibility for membership, citation is made of military service rendered by the applicant's ancestor Turhand Kirtland - who was engaged in service on the boats which conveyed our retreating forces from the mainland of New York. He with most of his company were attacked with camp distemper - they were then discharged and sent home.

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For any individuals scanning these pages who desire information regarding other branches of the Orwig and Potter families than those herein set forth, the suggestion is offered that they look up the two publications hereinbefore referred to, which can be examined at various public libraries, (genealogical and historical sections) around the country, especially in the larger cities. Among others this would include the Washington Library of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and the Genealogical Section of the Congressional Library at Washington, D.C.

For voluminous data on scores of Harsh and Harsch family lines in America, a set of two volumes comprising some 600 pages of typewritten manuscript, census data, and maps, has been prepared principally by Robinson H. Harsh, of Washington, with some assistance by Rev. Harvey E. Harsh, of Detroit, Mich., and by the compiler of these notes, and is being readied for filing with the Daughters of the American Revolution in their Washington library, and also with the Congressional Library. A third volume of the work is in course of preparation to be filed at the same places.

Information has only recently come to hand of the existence of old genealogical records that escaped war destruction and have been preserved in an archeological museum at Speyer, in the Palatinate (Pfalz) Province of Germany. The information at hand is that the records pretty well cover the entire province and reach back to the year 1200. It is hoped that they include, and an earnest effort will be made to determine whether or not there can be obtained from that source, authentic data as to the parentage and exact relationship of the 6 to 10 Harsch individuals, men, women, and children, who arrived at Philadelphia in 1739 and 1740. It seems certain that they came from the Palatinate, as did the majority of German immigrants in that period, and that these Harshes were closely related to one another.

A word of apology is offered for any omissions or errors that may be noted in this present pamphlet, and information as to corrections or additions will be welcomed.

Also correspondence and family data is invited from any or all interested Harshes or Harsches, or descendants of the older stock, from whatever branch they come, or whatever the family name may now be as the result of marriages of the women descendants. Address either Robinson H. Harsh, at 225 Emerson St., NW., Washington, D.C., or James R. Harsch, 1410 Eleanor Ave., Toledo, Ohio.

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